

IN THE CLAIMS:

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1. (Currently Amended) A process for preparing isocyanates comprising preparing a phosgene have a content of bromine or iodine or a mixture thereof in molecular or bound form of less than 50 ppm reacting an amine or a mixture of two or more amines with the phosgene containing a positive amount of less than 50 ppm of bromine or iodine or their mixtures in molecular or bound form thereby forming an isocyanate.

2. (Currently Amended) A process as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the phosgene contains a positive amount of less than 25 ppm of bromine or iodine or mixtures thereof in molecular or bound form.

3. (Previously Amended) A process as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the reaction is carried out in a solvent.

4. (Previously Amended) A process as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the amine used is an amine of the diphenylmethanediamine series or a mixture thereof.

5. (Previously Amended) A process as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the process is carried out in one or two stages.

6. (Previously Amended) A process as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the reaction is carried out under super-atmospheric pressure or atmospheric pressure.

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~~10.~~ (Original) A process as claimed in Claim ²~~2~~, wherein the reaction is carried out in a solvent.
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~~11.~~ (Original) A process as claimed in Claim ²~~2~~, wherein the amine used is an amine of the diphenylmethanediamine series or a mixture thereof.
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~~12.~~ (Original) A process as claimed in Claim ³~~3~~, wherein the amine used is an amine of the diphenylmethanediamine series or a mixture thereof.
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~~13.~~ (Original) A process as claimed in Claim ²~~2~~, wherein the process is carried out in one or two stages.
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~~14.~~ (Original) A process as claimed in Claim ³~~3~~, wherein the process is carried out in one or two stages.

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~~15.~~ (Original) A process as claimed in Claim ⁴~~4~~, wherein the process is carried out in one or two stages.

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~~16.~~ (Original) A process as claimed in Claim ²~~2~~, wherein the reaction is carried out under super-atmospheric pressure or atmospheric pressure.

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~~17.~~ (Original) A process as claimed in Claim ³~~3~~, wherein the reaction is carried out under super-atmospheric or atmospheric pressure.

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~~18.~~ (Original) A process as claimed in Claim ⁴~~4~~, wherein the reaction is carried out under super-atmospheric pressure or atmospheric pressure.

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~~19.~~ (Original) A process as claimed in Claim ⁵~~5~~, wherein the reaction is carried out under super-atmospheric pressure or atmospheric pressure.

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